other Specialist in Government Service who is competent to look after this work?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—T. Koshy Mathew will be in charge of the X-ray work. He has undergone a course of practical X-ray training in Madras and has been assisting the Radiologist in X-ray work during the last year and a half and is competent to carry on the X-ray work of the General Hospital.

K. Achyuta Marar, who has been attached to the Ophthalmic Hospital during the last four and a half months, will be in charge. The important operative work will be conducted by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

There are no other Specialists in Government Service more competent to look after these works.

51. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in granting study leave to the Additional Civil Surgeon Dr. T. Verghese for higher Medical and Surgical studies, the two Civil Surgeons and Doctors Joseph, Babu Rao and Miss D'Souza, who are senior to the Additional Civil Surgeon in service, were consulted about their willingness to proceed to Europe for higher studies;

(b) were there any previous applications by any officers of the Medical Department for the same purpose; and if so, why preference was given to Dr. T. Verghese;

(c) will the Government be pleased to state, what arrangement is proposed to be made for X-ray treatment during Dr. T. Verghese's absence on study leave?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Vide answer to question No. 50.

Medical officers and holidays.

52. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if Government is aware of a Circular (or official memorandum) recently issued by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, to the effect that officers in the Medical Department could not be considered to be entitled to public holidays as of right, and that such holidays could be availed of only with the previous permission of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and only when other arrangements could be made;

(b) will the Government be pleased to lay a true copy of the said paper on the table;

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(c) will the Government be pleased to state, what the existing practice has been in regard to the matter and whether it has not been found satisfactory?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) and (b): Copy of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's circular memo is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(c) Existing practice is the same as is emphasised in the circular referred to.

T. A. of Heads of Departments for journeys outside the State.

53. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether any Heads of Departments are allowed to draw T. A. according to Cochin rules when journeys undertaken outside the State for purposes connected with the University, Railway, etc., for which T. A. is paid by such bodies according to their rules;

(b) if so, what is the amount credited and drawn from Cochin Treasury by each of the officers during the last two years?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) Yes. The Director of Public Instruction is allowed to draw T. A. according to the *C. S. R.* for his attendance at University meetings provided he refunds what is paid by the University. Similarly when the Comptroller of Accounts attends the Railway Advisory Committee Meetings he is allowed to draw T. A. under *the C. S. R.* after deducting what is paid by the Railway by way of free Railway Pass.

(b) A statement showing the particulars is enclosed. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

Bridge at Trikkur.

54. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any petition was received for the construction of a bridge at Trikkur; if so, what action was taken on it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The Trikkur Panchayat received a petition from Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar and others on 21st Chingam 1103 and the Public Works Department is considering it.

Work-house for the poor.

55. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state the progress of the work done with regard to the 'work-house for the poor' in the State?

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Miscellaneous Department.

(*Medical and Sanitation.*)

READ endorsement on C. No. 599/1103, dated nil, from the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer forwarding an application from the Civil Surgeon, Ernakulam.

Order Dis. No. 519/D/03, dated 19th October 1927.

The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's recommendation is accepted.

(True extract)

(Sd.) Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer,

APPENDIX IV.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 52.*)

R. O. C. No. 956/1103.

Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, Ernakulam,
Dated 27—10—1927.

CIRCULAR MEMO.

Instances are brought to the notice of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer that medical officers do often apply for permission to avail themselves of the public holidays.

The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer wishes to make it clearly understood that the duties of the Medical Department are such that the so-called public holidays are working days for medical men and as such no medical officer could claim such holidays as a matter of right, unless, under special circumstances, when the work could be arranged to be conducted by other medical officers.

(Sd.) Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

1—11—1927.

To

All Medical Officers.

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